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**The number of fiberglass bobcat statues to be built around campus this spring.**

Source: info.gcsu.edu

## Packing heat in the classroom?

*Proposed legislation would allow carrying of guns in most public places*

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO  
STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia General Assembly is currently debating legislation which, if passed, would expand the locations those with concealed weapons permits could carry guns — including the campuses of public universities, such as GCSU.

One bill currently being debated would make it legal to carry firearms on the campuses of public universities and research facilities.

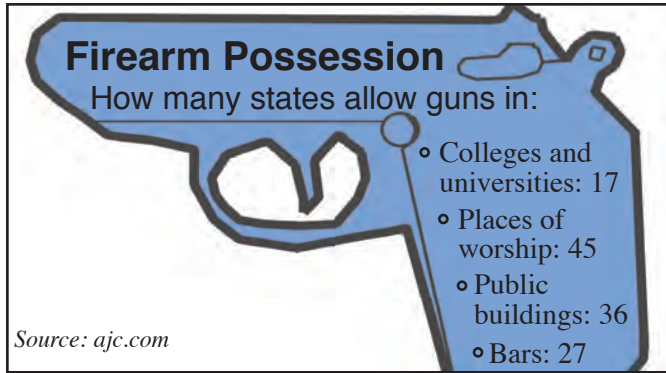
The bill's sponsor, state

Sen. Mitch Seabaugh, says it will clarify existing rules regarding where licensed owners can carry their guns. More broadly, the legislation would, for the first time, allow Georgians with gun permits to carry their weapons in most public buildings and churches. It would also lift a ban on firearms in "public gatherings," and instead replace it with a brief list of restricted spots that would include courthouses and jails, as well as prisons.

In addition, a substitute bill also sponsored by Seabaugh includes college

classrooms and research facilities as prohibited areas to carry a gun. It would allow universities to determine whether people with permits would be allowed to carry guns into an athletic event.

To be eligible for the expanded rights, a Georgian would first have to have a concealed weapons permit. Georgia law currently states that gun-permit owners must be at least 21 years old with a clean judicial record, deemed mentally fit, and obtain a judge's approval to carry the firearm.



Currently, guns are banned within 1,000 feet of college campuses.

The legislation, which was still pending as of

press time Wednesday, has caused considerable debate over the issue of gun

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MATT CHAMBERS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Presidents face the public

Junior liberal studies major Kaitlyn MacDonell pies Resident Student Association president Katie Dunn during "Pie Your President" on Front Campus this past Wednesday. Anyone on campus could pie willing presidents of an RSO for \$2. The event was hosted by Delta Sigma Pi and a portion of the money raised will be donated to charity.

## On-campus recycling to start in May

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU is going green. At least that's the plan, according to a recent decision by the Student Government Association to formally establish a campus-wide recycling program.

Tentatively set to begin May 1, the program would begin upon completion of one recycling center at the Centennial Center and several stations around campus, and in residence halls, for students and faculty to separate their recyclables from trash.

Another recycling center would be added later, at West Campus, according to the plan outlined by Kevin Murner, GCSU's associate director for energy management, utilities, and emergency preparedness and occupational safety.

"At the Centennial Center, we would have a site wholly devoted to

recycling," junior SGA Sen. Robert Aycock said. "We're looking at adding separate containers to divide the types of recyclables, and possibly removing the dumpsters from the center altogether to avoid problems with people throwing away their recyclables."

Aycock serves as the head of an SGA subcommittee focused on recycling on campus. Last semester, Aycock worked closely with SGA Vice President Kayla McColam to create a proposal for campus recycling, which they discussed and revised with Dr. Doug Oetter, faculty advisor for the Environmental Science Club, as well as Murner and other interested faculty and students.

"I'm very excited about (the project), a lot of people did a lot of hard work on it, and it's so great to

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## Plan your path

### GCSU adds geography major for undergraduates

BY RACHEL MOLDOVAN  
STAFF WRITER

GCSU students who wish to see the world may now have the chance to study it — via the new geography major — before they travel.

According Dr. Doug Oetter, geography professor and coordinator of the new degree, geography is the "study of distribution of human and natural processes across the earth."

Oetter has had the goal of adding a geography major since he became coordinator of the geography department in 2003.

"We need students who can understand these big scale shifts, analyze special patterns, and see what humanity is doing to its home planet," Oetter said.

The process of adding

the major took two years as it had to have a letter of intent, a proposal and 80 pages of justification passed through administrative offices. The justification explained that "the world is changing and students need to be prepared for a changing world," Oetter said.

"It's not easy to offer a major. We needed to have enough classes and at least three professors to provide more diversity of classes," Oetter said.

Some students fell in love with geography quickly. Gary Smith, a senior history and geography major, took a geography class as a core requirement and liked it.

"I kept taking classes and then added minor and kept taking classes and unofficially declared

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## New speed sensor added for Grove pedestrians

BY HILLARY STRICKLAND  
STAFF WRITER

The Milledgeville chief of police held a meeting this past Monday to assess the dangers to students crossing West Franklin Street from The Grove apartment complex.

The meeting was held Monday between Chief Woodrow W. Blue Jr., the city manager, the public works director and city engineers. Blue ultimately decided that adding a crosswalk to West Franklin Street would be impossible since that section of the road is not an intersection.

Blue concluded that adding a crosswalk there would only increase accidents. Instead, the city plans to add a temporary speed sensor, an electronic device that tells passing



HILLARY STRICKLAND / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grove residents that cross West Franklin Street face dangers of cars coming down into "the bowl" at speeds above the posted 25 mph speed limit.

drivers their speed, to deter excessive speeding and to remind drivers that the speed limit in that area is 25 miles per hour.

Laurelle Chechopou-

los, a sophomore exercise science major, received minor injuries during an afternoon in August while

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# Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

An early basketball game on the campus of GN&IC is shown. Basketball was introduced at the college in 1895, shortly after the game's invention. It was wildly popular and the local paper announced that "the screams and shrieks and yells of ecstatic players may be heard a half mile away." Visit Special Collections on the second floor of the GCSU library to see the new exhibit, "A Century of Sports at GCSU."

## This month in Colonnade history:

In a satirical piece, The Colonnade reported that women's hips are too large. In a survey done for The New Deal, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's consumers' council found that women sit down too much causing their hips to spread.  
Feb. 17, 1936  
Vol. 13 No. 15

High school seniors visiting Georgia College at the same time was always a big deal, but in this edition of coverage every senior's name was published. It was part of a photo spread highlighting the event, which extended through the weekend and was a highly successful recruiting venture.  
Feb. 17, 1956  
Vol. 36, Special Edition

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# City recycling center now open to residents

BY CLAIRE DYKES  
SENIOR REPORTER

Milledgeville residents who lost out on a recycling facility last September will find redemption a little over a mile from campus.

This past Tuesday a new recycling center located at the end of West Thomas Street, past the housing authority's Wray Homes, opened for Milledgeville residents living inside the city limits. The center's hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The new center will accept brown and white goods, newspapers, magazines, glass and plastics. Unacceptable items include household garbage, yard waste, used oil, tires, hazardous waste, anti-freeze, flammable products, dead animals and vehicle batteries.

Director of Public Works and City Marshal Jack Graham has worked with interim City Manager Barry Jarrett to open the facility



CLAIRE DYKES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Milledgeville Director of Public Works and City Marshal Jack Graham shows the large dumpster city residents can deposit recyclable items at Milledgeville's new recycling center.

and will be overseeing the center off and on throughout the week, and full-time on Saturdays.

Currently, there are no locks on the individual receptacles, only the facility's gates.

"There's no plans for (receptacle locks) at this

time," Graham said. "But there are signs posted."

GCSU's Environmental Science Club, led by president Tony Morris, will be able to take collections from the recycling drives

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# RSA eyeing new \$1,650 Thunder Cup trophy

BY STEPHEN HUNDLEY  
STAFF REPORTER

The Resident Student Association, recently voted in favor of the construction of a 36-inch tall Thunder Cup trophy that will cost \$1,650.

The trophy is primarily the brainchild of RSA Vice President Justin Stubbs who started the Thunder Cup competition.

"(The trophy) represents how big this project is and how big it can be," Stubbs said.

The Thunder Cup is an inter-hall competition in which the residence halls, as well as buildings 100 through 400 and buildings 500 through 600 at West Campus, compete with each other in nine categories to see who can get the most points.

The nine areas of competition are: intramurals, academics, service, fine arts, athletics, wellness, on-campus program involvement, community involvement and eco-awareness. The 10th area in case of a tie will be leadership.

Future plans as to where the trophy will be placed on campus, or even if it will be a set location are still being discussed.

"We know it needs to be inside and in a place where the resident student body can see it often," Stubbs said.

The current ideas include the dining hall, the victorious resident hall, or even the clock tower in the residential area, where a swath of the tower's wall would be cut away in order to install a highly visible home for the Thunder Cup.



GRAPHIC CONTRIBUTED BY JUSTIN STUBBS

The cup itself will boast a wooden base and a large golden cup with twin handles. It is being modeled heavily after the Thunder Cup logo, which can be seen around official Thunder Cup events. Stubbs said that RSA hopes to use the trophy's size and luster to conjure a sort of "wow" factor among students.

According to Treasurer Eric Connolly, RSA's 2009-10 budget is \$44,000.

"We have \$37,000 left to spend," Connolly said. "Currently we still have many more programs to put on this semester ...we're planning to use a chunk of that amount."

After purchasing the trophy, RSA will

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# 'It's a lot of pressure'

Mr. and Ms. GCSU nomination process; 2009 Ms. GCSU recalls her reign

BY ASHELY OOTEN  
STAFF WRITER

Following Saturday's men's basketball game two students will take home the titles of Mr. and Ms. GCSU 2010.

Selected by Registered Student Organizations on campus, current nominees had to undergo an application process set forth by the Student Government Association.

According to the nomination packet, an individual must have at least 60 credit hours, a grade point average of at least 2.75, active involvement on campus, community service contributions and be a full-time student in order to be considered eligible.

In addition, they must be held to a high standard of conduct and have a float in the Homecoming Parade. A representative from any RSO can nominate one of their members by completing an official nomination form located within the packet.

"I think it takes someone that is approachable, someone that cares about the school, and someone that truly takes a personal interest in the student body as a whole and as individuals," said the reign-

ing Ms. GCSU, Keri Allgood.

Furthermore, David McLaughlin, a senior management major and secretary for SGA shared his beliefs on the election.

"There is a lot of interest this year, especially in Ms. GCSU," McLaughlin said. "It's nice to see that we do have candidates that are qualified and people who have high standards of service and community with GCSU, and they deserve to be recognized for that."

Some students take a traditional route to campaigning, while others become more creative with their strategies. Sheet signs by Maxwell Student Union, flyers and chalking are some of the most commonly used advertising methods utilized by current candidates in the past. However, SGA set new chalking restrictions which banned liquid chalk, chalking on bricks or stone surfaces and chalking on steps. The nomination packet also included a map which established the approved areas reserved for chalking.

"The whole thing, it's a lot of pressure, but in the end it's worth it," Allgood said.

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# Department of Theatre prepares for big move

## Downtown Campus Theatre will be the new home of theatre students, faculty

BY COURTNEY MURRAH  
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU’s Department of Theatre has more changes than its address ahead as actors must adjust to the new black box theater set to open with the renovated Campus Theatre, located at 135 Hancock St. in downtown Milledgeville, later this spring.

The department’s offices are now located in Porter Hall with performances occurring in Russell Auditorium and Max Noah Recital Hall, and classrooms in different buildings across campus.

Students and faculty, including Chair of the Department of Theatre Karen Berman, will now have one space to call their own.

“The whole department will have office space over there,” Berman said. “Class times will be much easier for us because most of our classes will be held in the new campus black box theater,” Berman said. “We will still have some of our classes, especially our theatrical heritage, offered outside of the new campus black box theater.”

Gabrielle Byndloss, a sophomore theater major, is also happy about having the offices and other resources in one space.

“Right now all of our stuff is spread out through different places,” Byndloss said. “A lot of our stuff will now be in one place.

There’s still stuff that we’ll have to go back and forth through. Costumes won’t be in that theater downtown, but it’s still more of a benefit than it would be to stay where we are now.”

Byndloss is also glad that the theater department will have a place to call its own.

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**—Nicholas Marrone**  
*Junior theatre major*

“For the longest time we’ve had to share Max Noah with the chorus groups,” Byndloss said. “That’s really hard to work around their schedule, along with sharing Russell with everybody else. It’s actually going to be kind of our own space to work in. We get priority and then we work with everyone else. It’s going to be nice to have our own little space to put shows on whenever we want to.”

The new black box theater is

different from the ones seen at Russell and Max Noah because the audience has other options besides facing only one side of the stage. The new facility will allow the option of surrounding the stage with seats.

Because of the new style of the stage, a different acting style is needed as well.

“The audiences are going to see the actors up close,” Berman said, “so our acting techniques have to be refined and more realistic. Our acting style will have to be very refined and real, so that when you look in the actor’s eyes you know they’re really feeling what they say they’re feeling. This is going to challenge our acting teachers to really work with our actors to make their performances even more real.”

Nicholas Marrone, a junior theater major, is staying positive about the extra work that will be involved with the audience now closer to the stage.

“I think it’s going to be a lot more different for us just because we’ve never been in that space,” Marrone said. “We’re going to be able to do a lot more personal shows. I think it will give us a chance to be more creative with our shows and how we do them.”

Students have other reasons for why the move is beneficial besides having everything in one space.



LISSA SPEER / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The Campus Theatre, located at 135 Hancock St., will be the future home of the Department of Theatre offering a black box theater for more varied, personal performances.

The dance minor program is under the theater department and will also benefit from the move.

“The new black box theater will also have equipment that allows us to lay down a marley floor, so that dancers can dance safely,” Berman said. “That will be an additional performance space for dancers as well, but we will continue to need our dance rehearsal spaces in Miller gym and Chappell as well. Russell

will continue to house our dance minor performances because it is so much bigger.”

Renovations to the Campus Theatre are coming along, but the theater department is still unsure of when it will be able to move into its new home.

“I don’t have an exact date of move in,” Berman said. “Every day when we go over to see what’s happening, we’re excited to see the new progress.”

# GCSU server blacklisted after e-mail identity theft

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

A GCSU campus community member’s e-mail was recently used to send mass quantities of spam messages causing GCSU e-mail addresses to be blacklisted.

Being blacklisted means that the school e-mail domain (www.gcsu.edu) was considered harmful to Internet users for a time, meaning many other domains could not communicate with the school’s e-mail domain.

Many of the faculty and staff members had problems e-mailing their students and others during this time.

Denene Bartlett, administrative assistant of the honor’s program did not have problems e-mailing other students and staff on campus, but had problems e-mailing people off campus due to the blacklisting.

According to Ed Boyd, the head of the information and technology department, a university employee responded to a phishing message causing e-mail identity theft. Phishing messages are e-mails that claim to be authentic and ask for private information from the recipient. This private information can be used for e-mail, as well as regular identity theft.

“In the case we had on campus the user

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- Don’t e-mail personal or financial information.
- If you believe you’ve been scammed, file your complaint at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov), and then visit the FTC’s identity theft Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)

*Source: <http://www.ftc.gov>*

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

gave out their username and password allowing the person or persons to access and use their e-mail account,” said Charles Taylor, director of network and systems administration.

The identity theft had far-reaching implications for the school’s e-mail system.

“Some of the major commercial spam filtering products used across the Internet began logging the frequency of spam e-mail coming from our domain and

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# New policy would allow GCSU staff to telework

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT  
SENIOR REPORTER

A new policy allowing GCSU employees to telework and have alternative work schedules is awaiting approval by the University Senate.

Employees who need to take a course or come in earlier to leave earlier can use flextime, or telework, to help balance their work and life issues.

The policy defines teleworking as “working at a location other than the employee’s usual and customary work place,” whereas flextime is “a work period that may vary from the core work hours established for a department or school,” but will still ensure a 40-hour work week.

“A lot of people already do this on our campus, we just haven’t formalized a policy on it,” said Diane Kirkwood, director of Human Resources and a member of the Work Life Task Force. “Our typical hours on our campus are eight to five, Monday through Friday, but we have a lot of variance in that.”

The Telework and Flextime Policy was first submitted to the University Senate in October 2009 by the Resources, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee, chaired by Dr. Catherine Whelan.

Georgia began a similar initiative with the state’s executive branch to help decrease air pollution and traffic all throughout the state. Although it is another benefit for GCSU, the policy’s main purpose was to help employees balance their work with their life. GCSU modeled the policy after the state Board of Regents’ policy released in 2008.


“We recently had a visit from a state group looking at cutting down pollution and cars on the road,” Kirkwood said. “They’re looking to work with us on a commuting program and a benefit for employees as far as telework and reducing cars on the road.”

Because many faculty and staff already use flextime and telework, the policy ultimately will formalize the agreement, something that many felt needed to be done. Before, it had been an informal agreement between the employer and employee.

“I’d been a little uncomfortable as a manager not having a formal document that in a sense protected both me and the university and my other person I supervised so that there’d be no question as to what the parameters were in this relationship,” said Dr. Ed Hale, the director of Institutional Research. The policy will lay out the guidelines and expectations for both parties.

Hale was also a part of the Work Life

**“The types of things we do for the university, sometimes we don’t work eight to five. We work when stuff needs to be done and so the teleworking gives us the flexibility to do that.”**



**— Dr. Ed Hale, the director of Institutional Research**

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

Task Force. In addition, he has employees in his department who telecommute.

“For us, telecommuting has not only worked out to benefit the employee, in terms of allowing them to arrange their life and work, but it’s also serving our needs in a much better fashion,” Hale said.

His database administrator is in the office two days a week and telecommutes from Atlanta three days a week. The newly-hired employee telecommutes because there is not yet enough space for him to be in Milledgeville full time, and it allows him and his family to make the transition.

“The types of things we do for the university, sometimes we don’t work eight to five,” Hale said. “We work when stuff needs to be done and so the teleworking gives us the flexibility to do that.”

Neither Kirkwood nor Hale anticipate any problems, but Kirkwood said that since it can’t apply to all positions, it may discourage some and that the university would work to ensure proper coverage in each department with people utilizing the policy. Because most faculty’s presence is required for classes, teleworking will not be as convenient for them as flextime will.

If approved, Kirkwood said the first step would be to train department managers about the policy to ensure they know what it entails and how it will impact their departments.

Kirkwood hopes that, if approved, the policy could begin in the summer, although a timeline has yet to be set. The Telework and Flextime Policy will be up for approval at the next University Senate meeting, Feb. 22.

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# Great Books Program aims to change core

BY MATT DUNCAN  
STAFF WRITER

With the University Senate considering revising the core curriculum, some changes, both drastic and subtle, could be entering the lives of GCSU students soon. At least, that’s the goal of Caroline Rentz, a senior political science major at GCSU, and the groundbreaking vision she has for the core curriculum of all GCSU students.

At the heart of Rentz’s plan is the Great Books Program, which is designed to give students an optional area of classes to fulfill their core requirements that rely on reading classical texts rather than textbooks and overview courses.

Started by Rentz last semester as her capstone project for her LEAD 2000 class, the Great Books Program aims to initiate and develop an optional core curriculum for GCSU students that is based on studying and learning from texts that influenced the development of western civilization.

Spread over multiple courses, the program would focus on teaching students about core ideas of western civilization including politics, culture, philosophy, government and literature through the texts that the ideas are based on. From Aristotle to Upton Sinclair, students would be able to learn about the foundations of western civilization in a way that could be

considered truly “liberal arts.”

It’s not just Rentz that is enthusiastic about the idea of the Great Books Program though, students involved in the group are also eager to see the program come to fruition.

“I’m really excited about the idea of a books based course. I think it would be a more interesting way to learn about our core subjects,” said Brent Lambert-Zaffino, a freshman English major. “I’d definitely sign up for it.”

At the moment the Great Books Program may not be a well-known name, but that is soon to change. Already some professors at GCSU have jumped on board regarding the idea and a plan has been proposed several times for consideration. And while some may consider the idea impossible or too outlandish to work, Rentz is strong behind her belief.

“The evidence is strong that a system like this works,” Rentz said. “This system has been tried and tested at universities like Yale, Kansas, and Mercer, our sister school.”

With the University Senate considering revising the core curriculum in the near future, some feel the timing couldn’t be better for the program to get on its feet. This semester the program plans on ramping up awareness and gaining support for the initiative, as well as approaching professors about involvement in the program.

## Guns

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rights. GCSU’s Student Government Association discussed and voted on its own bill last year which would allow guns specifically on the GCSU campus. The SGA senators at the time did not support the move, wary it could cause an increase in violence on campus.

Current SGA president Zach Mullins does not support the proposed legislation.

“I’m definitely a gun-rights supporter, but when it comes to allowing guns in a classroom it’s a different story,” Mullins said. “When guns come in the classroom, they don’t contribute to a positive learning environment. I joined with over 20 other SGA presidents across the state to talk about this issue this past weekend and helped draft and sign a letter asking the legislature to look at how this would affect college campuses, and possibly provide exemptions for us.”

While the SGA presidents may be wary of the implications of bringing weapons to universities and other places that students gather, some GCSU students support the legislation.

“As a college student and firearm owner, I feel that being allowed the ability to defend myself and my peers in times of violence is highly beneficial,” said sophomore criminal justice major Nathan Bressler. “Unfortunately, the only people

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who adhere to the gun-free zones are the law-abiding citizens and not the criminals. I feel that with the proper concealed-carry permit, there is no reason that a person should not be allowed to carry their firearm, though concealed, on college campuses in the state of Georgia.”

Public Safety officials said they don’t believe allowing guns would make the GCSU campus any safer. Sgt. Greg Williams said it could make a dangerous situation even more complicated.

“When the police show up and there is a shooter, who do they shoot?” Williams asked. “We’re not going to have the time to take a moment to stop and find out who the bad guy is. All we know when we get on scene is that there are two people shooting. Someone may be saving the day, but they are also putting themselves in harm’s way to be shot by the bad guy or even the police.”

## Trophy

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be working on financing Battle of the Bands, summer conferences for its members, as well as future community service opportunities.

Although the price of the trophy seems substantial to many students, RSA delegate Andrew Svorcek, a freshman of Foundation Hall, was in favor of the allocation.

“We might as well spend (the remaining budget) on something that can add tradition to our school,” Svorcek said.

However, within RSA itself the vote to approve the trophy was not unanimous.

“I abstained, because the hype (for the

Thunder Cup) isn’t there yet,” said RSA delegate Mark Jestel, a sophomore representing Adams Hall.

When asked, students were in generally in favor of the trophy’s construction.

“I know RSA has a lot of surplus money, and I’m glad they’re spending it on something that will improve campus ethos,” sophomore Kevin Brewer said.

While Thunder Cup participation is not 100 percent, Stubbs feels the trophy will help bolster the numbers. “Students are still learning about the program,” Stubbs said. “We believe the trophy will make much more of an impact.”

With the trophy slated to be on campus sometime this semester, it will be interesting to see where it will be placed, and just how much of an impact it will make on GCSU’s campus ethos.

## Elections

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Students voted for their candidates of choice by logging into their myCATS account Wednesday and Thursday. Many students believe that Mr. And Ms. GCSU is just a social competition, but for others it is about recognizing well-rounded individuals who have exceptionally impacted the GCSU campus and community.

“Long ago it was simply a popularity contest, and now it has really become more about people promoting what they’ve ac-

complished and why they think they should play that role,” said Tom Miles, director of Campus Life.

The titles of Mr. and Ms. GCSU are more than just a crown. Honored students are expected to “serve as an Ambassador for Alumni Relations, serve on the Campus Ethos Committee, be present (for) at least three Ethos Programs per year, (and) be present at the next Homecoming to give away their crown to the next set of winners,” as stated in the nomination packet each candidate receives.

Despite the requirements, Allgood has enjoyed being crowned Ms. GCSU.

“(My experience) has been pretty incredible,” Allgood said. “I’ve gotten to meet so many great people and that’s what I’m all about, meeting new people and learning about them.”

Old traditions and new traditions help to create student excitement for Homecoming this year. Saturday will start off with the Bobcat Ramble, and the latest tradition, Tent City Tailgating by Centennial Center at 9 a.m., followed by the Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m.. Finally, the announcement for Mr. and Ms. GCSU 2010 will take place after the men’s basketball game at 3:30 p.m.

## Recycling

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see everybody come together like this to get it done,” Aycock said. “It’s such an aggressive plan, so that hopefully by the very beginning of this summer, it’ll be up and running.”

Senior Chelsea Losh, the chief of education for the Environmental Science Club, expressed her delight with SGA’s decision.

“We’re ecstatic about finally getting recycling going on campus, the whole club and myself,” Losh said. “We’ve been working on it for two years now, with our recycling drives on Front Campus and the push for the green fee.”

According to Losh, Oetter recorded a high weight of 4,800 pounds of recyclables processed by the club during a single recycling drive.

“I think (the figure) just shows that students will recycle, if given the chance to do so,” Losh said.

At a Jan. 29 recycling meeting, McCollam presented facts and figures about waste disposal, and recycling for GCSU, and referenced recycling programs at other Georgia universities. According to McCollam’s research, the University of Georgia saves up to \$9,000 a month simply by recycling office paper and composting. Georgia Tech has 11 recycling stations on its campus, and issues every employee a desk-side bin for paper and aluminum cans. GCSU is now joining its larger relatives, and if the numbers McCollam has presented are accurate, the school could save over \$25,000 annually just from the process of separating trash from recyclables and disposing



FILE PHOTO

Recycling drives are held on GCSU’s Front Campus a few times each semester. Students can bring recyclable materials to be reused.

of them efficiently.

The first recycling center, according to the proposal, would be located adjacent to The Depot and Parkhurst residence hall. It would be surrounded by an 8-foot fence, with a main gate for trucks to access it. It would also feature sidewalk access for students and faculty, proper signage, and lighting for night-time safety around the facility.

A “green fee” of \$5 added to student fees for this type of program at GCSU was voted down by the state Board of Regents last spring, but those who worked on getting the project done did not give up; instead they simply altered the process for funding.

McCollam is working with the Coca-Cola Company to try and obtain the small bins needed for residence halls, offices, and other locations on campus. The larger containers at the Centennial Center and West Campus will be

provided by the contractor wins the bidding process, and that company will provide transportation and processing of the recyclables. GCSU would receive a portion of any profit from the sales. The contract will be awarded to the winning bidder in April, allowing time for setup of the facility prior to the target start date.

“The green fee idea was the first step in starting our move toward this program, and we’ve kind of built off of that. There is a seed program that gives us some money, but there’s also the partnership with Coke for a sponsorship, and of course the contractors possibly helping us out with funding,” Aycock said.

“We have to wait for all the bids to come in the next few weeks, and everything should be set up by the beginning of May. So, by the beginning of next semester, we’ll have a full-fledged recycling program on campus.”

## Center


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held on Front Campus to the new facility.

“It’ll be great for the campus and the community,” Morris said. “Maybe we can team up with (the Student Government Association) and change the way the campus recycles.”

SGA is currently in the planning stages of a campus-recycling program.

City residents were locked out of the 11-county recycling centers at the beginning of last semester when the city switched disposal companies. This left city residents without a place to recycle in large quantities or glass and brown goods, and some plastics, unless willing to pay \$162 for access to the county centers for a year, according to Demetra Mosley of the county commissioners office.



### Recycling Center

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# Students hold 40 ‘courageous’ talks

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS  
STAFF WRITER

The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity strives to break boundaries created by race, sexuality and spirituality with its 40 Days of Courageous Conversations. Students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to openly and honestly discuss some of the issues that create divisions within their lives.

The 40-day event will end March 12, and there are high hopes that this period of time will lead to self discovery. The idea for the conversations came from Yves-Rose SaintDic, the director of Institutional Equity.

“One of the main reasons prejudice occurs is because people don’t talk to one another,” SaintDic said. “Getting to know people can break barriers.”

SaintDic also acknowledged that regardless of what our differences may consist of, there is always the common ground of having a meal. With this idea in mind, participants of the 40 Days of Courageous Conversations will be given a voucher that will allow the conversation to occur during lunch at the Maxwell Student Dining Hall.

SaintDic is aware that there may be some difficulty in discussing such controversial issues; however, sample questions can be provided if assistance is needed.

Cara Cox, a previous conversation participant and a GCSU student, felt that the experience opened her mind to a new way of thinking.

“It was a very interesting experience that showed me while we may have different perspectives we can still have things in common,” Cox said.

After discussing issues of race and sexuality, Cox views the experience as beneficial and encourages others to get involved in the event.

Students interested in getting involved in the 40 Days of Courageous Conversations can visit The Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity’s Web site at [www.gcsu.edu/equity/index.htm](http://www.gcsu.edu/equity/index.htm).

## E-mail

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blacklisted it,” Boyd said.

Since these commercial spam filters share information across the Internet and the GCSU domain was blacklisted everywhere. Once the problem was identified, the staff applied to have the domain name removed from the lists. Since the incident, the staff has been taking precautions to make sure the GCSU domain is not blacklisted again.

“We subscribed to a commercial ‘white list’ site which should help keep us from getting blacklisted in the event we have another occurrence of this nature,”

## Grove

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walking in the grass along West Franklin Street when a Ford truck struck her shoulder, completely removing the side mirror.

“I was really lucky that he didn’t catch the rest of my body,” Chechopoulos said. “I think it would be a great idea to put sidewalks in and a crosswalk for students because then that situation would have never happened.”

The section of West Franklin Street that Grove residents must cross is called “the bowl” by the associate director of Auxiliary Services at GCSU, Greg Brown, because of a deep depression in the road that creates high areas in which drivers experience a limited line of sight. The road also displays no signs alerting oncoming drivers of the crossing area.

Donna Piper, a sophomore nursing major at GCSU and a Grove resident for nearly a year, believes the section of West Franklin Street needs a crosswalk.



HILLARY STRICKLAND / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
After a meeting last week, the Milledgeville Police Department set up a speed sensor near The Grove crossing to monitor drivers’ speeds.

“This is a really dangerous place to cross. A crosswalk would raise awareness of drivers,” Piper said.

Piper, who walks to all of her classes like many Grove residents, has had close calls with oncoming traffic in this area, she said.

Brown said that something more than a simple crosswalk must be put into place.

“A crosswalk means that it is safe to cross here, and obviously that’s a dangerous area for students,” Brown said. “I think it would be a great idea to put sidewalks in and a crosswalk for students because then that situation would have never happened.”

## Geography

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a major this summer,” Smith said.

Geography degree candidates will take classes in applied human geography, physical geography, regional geography and special techniques such as mapping and special analysis. Students will also learn about Geographic Information Systems, a computerized mapping tool connected with databases.

“GIS is used everywhere to create maps and data and make the best decisions,” said Dr. Amy Sumpter, professor of geography. “Skills in GIS can get students jobs easily.”

Students will also be required to take a geographic research seminar and partake in an internship, study abroad program or thesis.

The skills that geography majors can learn are applicable to rural and urban planning, city government, local and international travel, pursuing law, civil service, forest management and other

environmental jobs.

“(Geography) skills are indefinite,” Sumpter said. “It is nice and valuable for a college graduate to have these skills.”

To keep the major, there needs to be five majors this year and must increase by five next year, steadily increasing the number of majors each year. Oetter has no doubts about keeping the major as he said there are five students ready to declare the major now, and students in the past confided in Oetter that they would have declared a geography major if it had been offered.

A geography major at GCSU appears to fit in nicely with the liberal-arts education mission of the school. Geography majors learn skills that stretch across broad disciplines, opening doors for areas of research and studying the world.

“Geography is a nice alternative to history, sociology or political science,” Sumpter said. “Geographers emphasize spatial understanding of these processes which defines the discipline. It is a unique way of looking at the world.”

# An Award Winning Staff



Against all universities located in the Southeast Bobby Gentry, The Colonnade’s Web Editor, accepted 6th Best Web site, Austin Cabot won 6th Best Photographer, Katelyn Hebert won 7th Overall Journalist of the Year and Chelsea Thomas won 5th Best Features Writer. (Chris Moskaly, who did not attend the conference, won 9th Arts and Entertainment Reviewer.)

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## Our Voice

### Fatal Olympic crash doesn't halt tradition

Republic of Georgia luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, 21, died in a Winter Olympics practice run at the Whistler track in Vancouver, British Columbia, this past Monday. The track remained open after his death without direct investigation of the incident, causing many lugers to be hesitant about the competition.

On Kumaritashvili's first run on the track, he told his father he "was terrified of the course," and due to the unforeseen circumstances and minor oversights in safety precautions, such as padding on the poles, Kumaritashvili's fears were confirmed.

Kumaritashvili died tragically from a head injury after he catapulted from the track into a steel pole. The International Olympic Committee held a press conference stating that while the death of Kumaritashvili was upsetting, the competition would still go on.

Many athletes at the games were nervous, seeing themselves as crash-test dummies rather than Olympic competitors. Modifications were made while the track closed for a day and memorials were held for Kumaritashvili, but the incident raises questions about safety at the Olympics.

Kumaritashvili crashed while traveling about 90 miles per hour on the fastest track in the world and considering the technological advances that have taken place within the sport, some are wondering if luge is safe. According to a study done by The American Journal of Sports Medicine, luge is relatively safe compared to other sports. The study analyzed 57,244 runs by competitive men and women ages 12 to 35 and only recorded 407 injuries, most of which were not serious enough for medical attention.

If luge is relatively safe, then what went wrong? Kumaritashvili was sent back to his home country where a memorial was held for him, but now many in the sport wait to see what, if anything, will be done to improve safety.

While actions were taken to shorten the course for lugers to reduce speeds, the skeleton and bobsled competitions will have no such precautions. Skeletons and bobsleds are slower and possibly safer than luge with average speeds between 80-85 miles per hour. The Whistler track is known as the fastest track in the world, but many Olympians still appear determined to conquer the track.

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## Independent Satire

by Ian Bridgeforth

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Common Sense

Washington

## Family Guy didn't single out Palin

TV's Fox Broadcasting Company found itself a new controversy Sunday night when its hit animated show "Family Guy" appeared to mock former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's son's Down syndrome condition.

In a seemingly desperate attempt at humor, one of the show's characters dates a woman who suffers from Down syndrome. The woman makes comparisons to Palin's 22-month-old son, Trig.

The character states, "My dad's an accountant, and my mom's the former governor of Alaska." The mentally disabled character didn't mention any names.

The controversial comment comes only a short time after Palin responded to comments made by White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh for using the word "retard," calling it an inappropriate slur. The former Republican vice presidential candidate suggested that Emanuel be fired for using the word and called Limbaugh's



TYLER  
BRYANT

comment "disrespectful" and demanded his apology.

After the airing of the episode, Palin said in an interview the episode "felt like another kick in the gut." She was not alone in the family for finding the words offensive. Palin's oldest daughter, Bristol, responded to the comments on her Facebook page calling the show's writers "heartless jerks."

It should be noted however that the character is neither an infant nor male. She is viewed to the other character as an object of lust and no different than anyone else. "Family Guy" is no stranger to controversy as it has made fun of pretty much everyone and everything, including straights, gays,

white people, black people, overweight individuals, Christians and atheists.

While the comments were in poor taste, and there's nothing funny about a special needs individual, the writers shouldn't feel the need to apologize. The show is known to be satire in its style, and should be understood as such. You have to wonder, however, when is enough enough? What line should be drawn, if any?

Seth McFarlane, the creator of "Family Guy" has yet to respond to the comments and is likely never to do so. I believe we should let the audience decide if there should be a backlash.

By responding in an offended manner to the show's comments, all the Palins are doing here is feeding into the frenzy. They are well within their rights to stand up for their son, Trig, but they must understand that MacFarlane is only laughing to himself, and it'll only happen again, and again.

## Satire column: Application essay to Yale

The Prompt: Indicate a person, character in fiction, a historical figure or a creative work (as in art, music, etc. ...) who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.

Wikipedia defines the word savior as "a person who helps people achieve salvation." Throughout American history, which began in 1492 when Columbus arrived on American soil under the decree of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, there have been many saviors, but for my generation one archetype stands above all others and has affected my life in a cornucopia of ways. In this essay, I plan on explaining how Lady GaGa is my personal savior through her individuality, insight and influence.

In the heartwarming and groundbreaking novel "The Rainbow Fish," Marcus Pfister, paints a picturesque picture of both individuality and communism. The protagonist is a fish that belongs to the scientific class Chondrichthyes, who possesses phosphorescent scales, which symbolizes his individuality, and shares these scales with his bland neighbors. I believe Lady GaGa is a human rainbow fish because through her complex,



STEVE  
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bedazzled and Salvador Dali-esque costumes she transfers the aesthetic quality of her lyrics into the world around her.

Did you know global warming is a crisis affecting the entire globe? Lady GaGa knows the answer to this rhetorical question. In addition to her musical escapades, the GaGa spends her time tending to the issues fastidious senators, who serve longer terms than members of the House of Representatives, ignore. My savior is tending to this issue by wearing clothing made out of plastics, which would otherwise end up in landfills and pollute this great nation's water supply. In addition to global warming, GaGa is a huge supporter in the equal rights movement and spends her days delivering heartfelt speeches and claiming ownership of grass.

Through her incredible life story and "Roma-Roma-ma," Lady Gaga has taught me I can change world

and without overcoming childhood stuttering, and I believe this empowerment makes me an auspicious candidate for your university. I intend on pursuing a degree in molecular physics because I greatly desire to uncover the mysteries of Splenda. It's made from sugar, but it's not sugar. That's witchcraft and alchemy. In addition to my brilliant contributions to the scientific field, I also believe I could diversify your campus greatly because I notice there is a nationwide shortage of middle-class, white males. Also, I have been told by my grandmother that I am an attractive young man and I believe my face is the panache your boring brochures desperately need.

In conclusion, Lady Gaga is a historical figure with significant influence, and I described than influence brilliantly. Looking back thirty years from now, when I have won a Nobel Prize or The Price Is Right, this essay will be worth millions, and you will have the honor of having my name on your alumni list. I look forward to studying with you, and I also enclosed a check with a generous contribution from my parents to build a new library wing.

## CORRECTIONS

- In the Feb. 12 edition of The Colonnade, the front page article "Grading system changes weighed" should have noted that there is no such grade as an A+ in the plus/minus system. The highest grade a student can receive is an A followed by an A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, etc.
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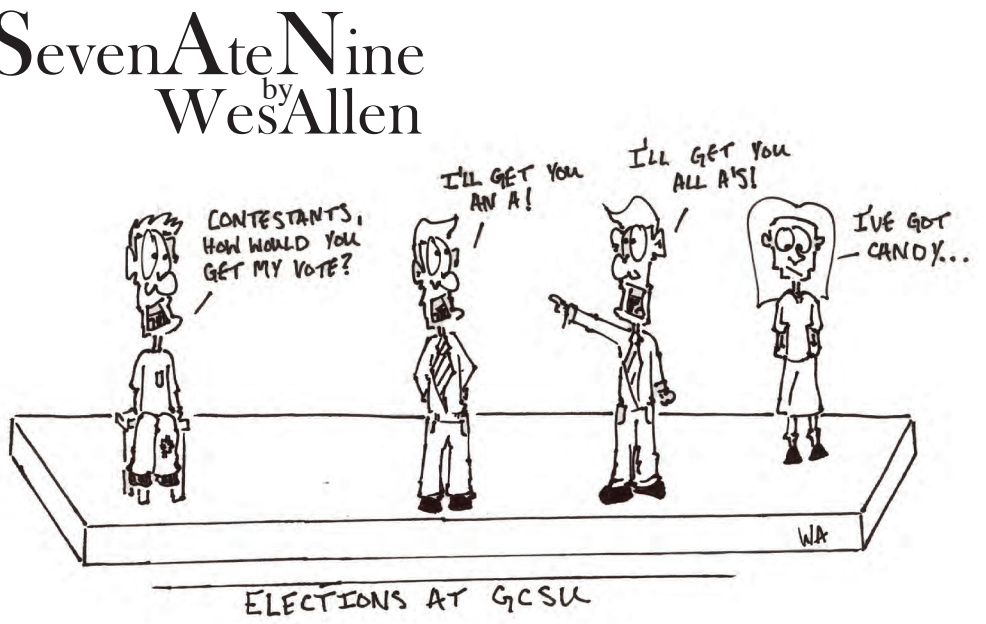
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

UGA alumna warns plus/minus system makes students’ GPA a ‘gamble’

Dear Editor,

I’m writing you in regards to Simone Jameson’s article, “Grading system changes weighed.” As a recent graduate of the University of Georgia and current GCSU graduate student I was graded under this scale during my last two years of my undergraduate career. What I want GCSU’s students to know is that the plus/minus grading scale can simply be described as a pure gamble. You will either do better than you expected, or worse than you expected. It gives you extra points when you receive a ‘plus’ grade. I.E.: If one makes a B+ they will be given the same points an A- would receive, however, if one makes a B- they are given the same points that a C+ would receive. In my opinion, the grade of an 83 does not deserve the same

amount of GPA points given to a 78, but that’s what happens under the plus/minus system. Another thing that was a problem at UGA was that there was a C-, but no A+, completely offsetting the scale. Lastly, it must be remembered that if we mock UGA’s system, our students should know that if one makes below a C the class must be re-taken. That means a 73 and below is essentially a failing grade. My main question is: If we do indeed adopt the plus/minus system from GSU, UGA, and Emory, will we take it exactly how they have pinned it, with all of the downfalls, or will we correct it to make sure our students’ best interest is in mind?

Sarah Wilder  
MAT graduate student

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GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Do you want GCSU to switch to the plus/minus grading system?

Response	Percentage
Yes	50%
No	44%
Undecided	6%

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- Yes
- No
- I need more information (see page 1)
- Undecided

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Bobcat Beat

“How do you feel about the band choices for the Homecoming concert?”

“I’ve never heard of MuteMath, but I like what I’ve heard of Sean Kingston. I expect it to be fun regardless.”

Sierra Busch, sophomore, art major

“I feel, I guess, somewhat indifferent. I haven’t heard of MuteMath, but generally rock performances are better than rap, so I feel like MuteMath will be good.”

Jerome German, sophomore, biology major

“I am really disappointed with the choice of Sean Kingston because he is an artist of the world and he speaks of sin. I believe this nation should fear the Lord because the Lord is the one who gives and takes away.”

Steven Graham aka The Key Cracker, junior, music therapy major

“I’m pretty nonchalant really. I’ve never been to any sort of Homecoming event. I’d be okay with a spoon-player, in fact that might be cool. Can we do that next year? I might actually go to that one.”

Hilary Thompson, sophomore, art major

“The options for Homecoming band this year were great. It was eclectic and had something for everyone.”

Jenna Peatross, sophomore, exercise science major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

The Litter Box

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I understand our school is small, but when Student Government Association elections come around and you are given choices of candidates who are running for various offices, all I see are self-serving, pompous, artificial candidates with inflated egos. As a concerned student, is there one that will actually listen to their constituents? Sadly, the answer is, no, because the only thing these hopeful future SGA candidates think of are personal legacies and gains. It seems that SGA should reflect on their past impulsive decisions just like our current President Obama should be advised to do. I hope there is space for a write in on the ballot come Feb. 18 and 19.

I just lost the game and so did you.

I absolutely hate being stuck behind science books while all of my friends are out there enjoying their college years and making memories.

Yay for snow!

My brain is blah! It’s like an icky, foggy, unidentified gross blob of something.

I love how our cheerleaders, band and even our student spirit group, Thunder Crew, Mean in Green or whatever they are called were so involved at the end of the game against Aiken. I mean these are the people that are supposed to get the fans involved, cheering and screaming. Yes, we we’re losing, but it’s your job to try and get the team pumped. Players live off your momentum. Most of all, I’m disappointed in Thunder Crew because they just sat there, too! And, oh yeah, I love the band members that read Harry Potter and knit during the game. I mean, get involved, yell for your team when you aren’t playing music. The same goes for the cheer team. I know you have certain times where you can run out on the court, but during the other timeouts, how about yelling and screaming instead of talking about Jersey Shore!

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## 'My first bite tasted like heaven'

### *Golden Pantry cuisine a staple for late-night crowd*



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BY ELISE COLCORD  
STAFF REPORTER

For many GCSU students, Thursday nights often signify the unofficial beginning of the weekend. And, it's when the masses head out to blow off steam, thus working up a late-night appetite.

At 2 a.m., bars in downtown Milledgeville officially close and then, for many who are out on the town, the "drunchies," or drunk munchies can kick in. The crowds flock out of the local watering holes and head to the fluorescent Mecca that illuminates the corner of Hancock and North Jefferson streets — the Golden Pantry.

The Golden Pantry gas station and convenience store is home to a local favorite — a chicken biscuit with a must-have side of macaroni and cheese.

To college students, or any frequenter of the late-night scene in downtown Milledgeville, the evening cannot be considered complete until the buttery, piping-hot spicy sandwich is purchased in an effort to ebb the potent wave of late-night hunger.

The spicy chicken biscuit is a nocturnal celebrity that has had its story passed on from generation to generation of students. The tales of its tastiness have been enthusiastically told from friend to friend and sibling to sibling.

One of those dedicated customers is senior John Chambliss. He grew up in Milledgeville and only heard of the spicy chicken biscuit stories when he enrolled as a freshman at GCSU.

"I got my first one and loved it. I guess it's a college thing, but it's so good," Chambliss said.

Senior Mackenzie Joiner recalls her experience as a freshman.

"My suitemate's older brother, a Kap-

pa Sig, told us about it and said that we had to go," Joiner said, "I got the mac 'n' cheese but didn't go for this biscuit that time."

The sides are an essential asset to the chicken biscuit, but some Golden Pantry patrons go for more than just the famed biscuit.

Senior Zack Walker splurges for the meal deal if he and his friends make a Golden Pantry run.

"I'm a whole meal deal kind of guy. I'll get the spicy chicken with green beans and mac 'n' cheese," Walker said, "The spicy chicken biscuit isn't quite my deal but it is great without the biscuit part, in my opinion."

Similar to Joiner, Walker also heard the legendary lore of the spicy chicken biscuit as a freshman and still occasionally returns to his first late-night spot to satisfy the need for some home-cooked southern style food after a late night downtown.

From 12 a.m. until 2 a.m. the Golden Pantry employees prepare for the ram-bunctious crowd and long lines.

Nettie Swint, who has worked at Golden Pantry for two years, has seen the good, the bad and the ugly working the late shift, which runs from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., serving a mostly inebriated crowd.

"There have been some rude customers, but we also get our regulars," Swint said. "One guy, he has his special order,

he asks us to put mashed potatoes, mac 'n' cheese and gravy on his spicy chicken biscuit, it's strange but he loves it."

To satisfy the long line of growling stomachs, Swint and her co-workers cook up at least four to five boxes of chicken, which equates to about 250 chicken biscuits. Occasionally they will run out of the coveted food mid-rush.

Swint said customers will wait around, sometimes impatiently, until the new batch comes out steaming hot. Waiting gives ample time for customers to stir up trouble on occasions. While in line one night, Chambliss said he got an odd request from an off-balance individual.

"He came up to me, kind of got in my face, and asked me to help him freak out his friends by letting him choke me — or pretend to choke me. I, of course, said 'no' and immediately turned away," Chambliss said.

The spicy chicken biscuit experience, from pleasant to bizarre, symbolizes a sort of initiation into the GCSU realm.

Joiner and Walker said they are in the twilight of their Golden Pantry runs these days as they concentrate more on graduation. Yet freshman Andrew Nonemaker has just begun his journey with the spicy chicken biscuit meals. He was introduced to the tradition by his long-time friend Julia Oliver during his first semester in Milledgeville.

"She told me it was a great late-night snack, so I got one and my first bite tasted like heaven," Nonemaker said.

***"I'm a whole meal kind of guy. I'll get the spicy chicken with green beans and mac 'n' cheese."***

***—Zack Walker, senior***

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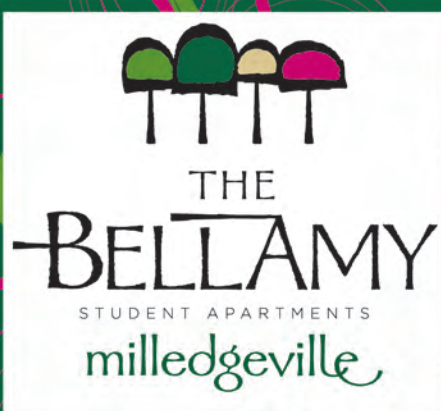
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# Purple gloves pack a punch for competition

BY CORINNE BURSTEIN  
STAFF WRITER

Front Campus was a sea of dancing purple hands Wednesday afternoon. A videographer stood on a crane high above the ground to capture just over 200 hands clothed in purple gloves and the dancing students they belonged to. The Purple Glove Dance, sponsored by The GIVE Center, drew quite a crowd to Front Campus on Feb. 17. “It was a terrific event. Everyone was excited about participating and helping a good cause. I was happy the Thunder Cup could be a part of it,” said Justin Stubbs, a junior pre-special education major and creator of the Thunder Cup.

Senior psychology major and GIVE Center worker Jaquie Beute took on the large task of organizing and creating a video for The Purple Glove Dance within her role as the director, organizer and “mastermind.”

“This started as a project I wanted to take on in order to get more volunteer hours for the Presidential Service Award and it has turned into something so much bigger than that. I’ve been overwhelmed by the support of the students, faculty and staff of GCSU and I am thankful for everyone’s involvement,” Beute said.

The Purple Glove Dance is a campaign that was established as a creative way to join the fight against cancer. Relay For Life teams across the country were encouraged to create a video featuring the purple gloves to be entered into a contest to increase cancer awareness. Each video entered has the opportunity to win



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Just over 100 people came to Front Campus on Wednesday to participate in the Purple Glove Dance. The dancers learned some simple moves that were filmed from a crane hanging above them. The video will be entered to win a \$5,000 donation to the American Cancer Society.

a minimum donation of \$5,000 toward The American Cancer Society. A portion of the proceeds from all boxes of purple gloves purchased for each production goes toward the fundraising and increases the amount of the donation available to win. For this event, The GIVE Cen-

“The turnout was great! The people who came out were so enthusiastic,” senior psychology major Rebecca Walden said. “I hope that our video wins the \$5,000 for a cause after that because we deserve it.”

The video filmed on Front Campus will be edited along with other videos previously shot at various campus events featuring student organizations such as the Resident Student Association and different Greek organizations. After the purple gloves were distributed, the event began by forming the word “HOPE” using volunteers. Choreography was then put in place by Kayla Jones to Jay Sean’s “Do You Remember?” and a raffle for T-shirts was done to close out the event.

“The Purple Glove Dance was by far one of my favorite events for Relay For Life. Jaquie and The GIVE Center staff worked so hard and it turned out fabulously. Relay For Life is such an awesome cause and I am so grateful to have been part of such a wonderful event,” said senior English major and GIVE Center volunteer Belinda Dennis.

Senior English major Amber Barnard, whose grandmother is a breast cancer survivor who is now battling cancer again, thinks that The Purple Glove Dance is a great event for an even greater cause.

“My grandmother has battled cancer before and won, but now it’s back. I just hope she can do the same thing this time. Promoting cancer awareness is always a good thing, because it helps people to not lose hope,” Barnard said.

# Campus production of ‘Rent’ focuses on AIDS awareness

*Cast honors loved ones, community members who have been touched by AIDS*

BY DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU production of “Rent” is a special production not only for the GCSU Theatre Department, but also those in the area affected by AIDS.

The plot of the musical focuses on the lives of New Yorkers, many of whom have AIDS. The production comes ap-

proximately two weeks removed from AIDS Awareness Week.

It was director Amy Pinney’s idea to include the names of people from the surrounding area who currently have AIDS, or have died of it, in the program.

“Rent is a love letter to the theater community and also the AIDS community,” Pinney said. “The musical is about community so I felt it was important to reach out to this community.”

Many members of the cast have had relatives or family friends who have died from AIDS. For that reason they are eager to put on the program.

Sophomore theater major Matthew Ri-

ley’s mother’s best friend in high school died from AIDS and she did not find out until years later at a high school reunion.

“I am happy to honor him for her,” Riley said.

A member of the cast had her uncle pass away due to AIDS. Caleigh Allen, another theater major, said that her mother is coming to see the show, which will be special since it was her little brother that died.

Another group on campus, A.N.G.E.L.S., AIDS Now Grasps Every Living Soul, will have a table set up at the performances to collect donations for the Diversity House, which takes in

homeless people affected by HIV.

Pinney said she chose the musical because it was what the students wanted and she felt the community would want it too.

“ ‘Rent’ changed the way American musicals were made and we’re making this production our own. It will be our ‘Rent,’” Pinney said.

Pinney wants to embrace Russell Auditorium by not covering up the stage with a set, but creating one out of what they already have. Pinney said she wanted the whole school to be excited about the production and she thinks getting the community involved in this way will do that.

# Yo Soybean brings party folk to Blackbird for benefit concert

BY COURTNEY KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

This past Friday’s snowy weather put a halt to many Milledgeville activities, but the one-day delay of a Soles for Soles benefit concert did not put a damper on the spirits of the band Yo Soybean. The Atlanta-based band took a break from its Southeastern tour to play a benefit concert at Blackbird Coffee on Feb. 13.

Soles for Soles is a project created by GCSU alumna Sara Costello to provide aid to children at a special needs school in Cusco, Peru, where she volunteered for three months. “Soles for Soles is incredible. I love that Sara can just go to a place and realize that there’s a need and then fulfill it. Most people just don’t have that strength,” said Ryan Sedgwick, who sings vocals and plays the djembe, a type of drum, for Yo Soybean.

The other band members include guitarist and lead vocalist Nicholas Mallis and Andrew Klein, who plays the banjo and slide guitar. Despite their music’s serious subject matter, the members of Yo Soybean call their style “party folk.”

“It’s like, ‘I’m really sad and upset, but we’re all having a party because of it,’” Mallis said.

The set list included songs off Yo Soybean’s current album, “Feathers of Aluminum,” such as “The Deed” and “Apparition,” and it also played a new song, “Breathing Down Our Necks.”

The band’s goal for the night was to promote Soles for Soles, but its enduring goal is for audience members to have fun with the music.

“When you’re listening



COURTNEY KELLY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the band Yo Soybean perform this past Saturday in the basement of Blackbird Coffee. The acoustic band has toured around the Southeast and made a stop in Milledgeville as a benefit for Soles for Soles.

to it live, it’s just a good time,” Sedgwick said.

Yo Soybean’s audience interaction, numerous David Bowie references and musical style entertained the crowd.

“It’s refreshing to hear something different in a college town when you usually just hear rock or hip-hop,” said Haley Janas, a junior education major. “They commanded the room.”

Concert attendees were also impressed with the time and energy the band put forth to promote Soles for Soles.

“I like the fact that a successful, non-mainstream band took the opportunity to play at a benefit concert here in Milledgeville,” junior history major Andy Gurbal said.

Along with Soles for Soles T-shirts, coffee mugs and bags, Yo Soybean merchandise and CDs were sold at the concert. Fifty percent of the profits from the band’s merchandise

sales went to Soles for Soles, helping the project reach its monthly goal of over \$1,000.

After its stop in Milledgeville, Yo Soybean continued its tour in Florida, and its album, “Feathers of Aluminum,” is currently available on iTunes and Amazon.com. Its new EP, “The Townie Sessions,” will be available in March.

Costello was happy with everyone who attended the benefit concert.

“The audience was a really fun group of very authentic, encouraging people who seemed to have a really great time,” Costello said.

She said she believes that the concert would boost the spirits of the Peruvian children that Soles for Soles benefits.

“I really feel like it was a really proper way to show commitment to the kids in Peru. I think that they’d be really happy to see everyone get together to support them,” she said.

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# Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



## 10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS

- As the 2010 Winter Olympics, being held in Vancouver, British Columbia, nears its midway point, here are some facts about the competition:
- 1.) Its torch relay is the longest in Olympic history.
  - 2.) The security budget for the Winter Olympics will be five times higher than normal, topping out at \$900 million.
  - 3.) It will be the first time Ghana, The Bahamas, Gabon and the Cayman Islands will participate in the Winter Olympics.
  - 4.) Over 3 billion people will watch the Winter Olympics.
  - 5.) The Whistler Sliding Center has the fastest luge, skeleton and bobsled track in the world.
  - 6.) This year's competition was the first during which the Olympic torch was lit indoors.
  - 7.) A mythical sea bear called Miga, and a Sasquatch called Quatchi are the mascots for this year's Winter Olympics.
  - 8.) The Winter Olympics logo is Ilanaaq, based on the stone landmark Cairn on Whistler Peak.
  - 9.) "Ilanaaq" means friendship in the Inuit language Inuktitut.
  - 10.) Roughly 250,000 people will visit British Columbia for the Winter Olympics.
- Facts from British Columbia's official Web site:  
[www.gov.bc.ca](http://www.gov.bc.ca) and [vancouver2010.com](http://vancouver2010.com)

# 'Shutter Island' a jaw-dropping thriller film

BY CHRIS MOSKALY  
REVIEWER

Martin Scorsese's "Shutter Island" is the movie equivalent of a claustrophobic nightmare. You don't watch it; you experience it. Based on a novel by Dennis Lehane ("Mystic River," "Gone Baby Gone"), the story plays out like a moral endurance test in which ordinary people are placed right in the middle of an environment that is anything but ordinary. It's Lehane's literary gift that enables him to peel away the wounds of his characters, and with Scorsese's personal touch of expertise added into the equation, this is one perfect example of a film that goes way beyond a "whodunit" premise, and digs deep into a world where nothing's as it seems.

Set in the outskirts of the Boston Harbor in 1954, "Shutter Island" opens with two U.S. marshals who are on their way to a desolate island that is home to an asylum for the criminally insane. The leader of the duo is Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio), and aside from breaking in his new partner (Mark Ruffalo), the skeptical detective must help the hospital's chief administrator (Ben Kingsley) as they try to uncover the whereabouts of a patient named Rachel Solando (Emily Mortimer), who just suddenly disappeared from her room without a trace.

As soon as the two marshals arrive, Scorsese (in his usual form) maneuvers a series of chilling images and broad shots to set the tone of the atmosphere before we are even briefed with details of the missing party. This technique while somewhat clichéd, is just what the film needs to get our minds in the right place. Then once we are introduced to the creepy Dr. John Cawley (Kingsley), it is only a matter of time before the layers begin to unfold.

For the sake of preserving total surprise, I will not tread any further into the plot. But to be fair, I will say to my devoted readers that if you haven't read the book, I strongly advise you to do so before going to see the film. I've already mentioned how Lehane centers his plots around the characters who make them happen, and the same goes for director Scorsese. These two icons are a perfect match for this book-to-screen effort, and at the core of all its tumultuous chaos is DiCaprio.

In his fourth collaboration with Scorsese, DiCaprio has once again spread his wings as a true performer who can gravitate from one role to another the way an average person puts on a new shirt every day. It's hard to compare it to his work in "The Aviator" or "The Departed," but "Shutter Island" is by far DiCaprio's most haunting performance as



he embodies the ego of a man shattered by a violent past, and distant memories of his deceased wife (Michelle Williams). Obviously the corruption in Teddy's mind serves as a figurative representation of the hospital he is now investigating, and like the demons that haunt him, the essence of danger can only grow heavier as it awaits him at the turn of every corner.

To say that "Shutter Island" is a thriller of layers would be one hell of an understatement indeed. We've all heard the common "roller-coaster" line to emphasize films that just keep twisting and turning, but there is a proper way to handle such a clamored structure, and this is one of the best examples I've ever seen. Most directors think that if they can just jolt the audience, then it won't really matter if the details make sense as long as the impact is felt. Martin Scorsese is not one of those directors, and "Shutter Island" is not that type of thriller. This is the kind of film where you sit very quietly in the theater and hold on to your chair as it embraces you like an experiment in which you're just an innocent little rat trying to find your way through a dark maze. By the time it reaches the climax, "Shutter Island" will have already knocked your jaw to the floor ... only to lift it back up and then drop it harder.

help as much as possible this year.

"We are doing a variety show in early April to raise money for Relay for Life," Doran said. "The variety show is something that started last year where members of the Armed Farces Improv Group put together a show involving both original live action skits and video skits. We will accept a small donation from the people who come to watch the variety show for Relay for Life."

Paul Sedor, assistant director of The GIVE Center, said that there are many ways for students to get involved in Relay for Life.

"Students can contact me if they want to get involved. They can start or join a team, help with entertainment, help with set-up or clean-up, hold a fundraising event or make a donation," Sedor said.

According to Relay for Life's Web site, students and other participants within the community have the opportunity to purchase luminaries (a paper bag with a candle inside) for \$5, or tiki torches for \$100 in dedication of a cancer survivor or a loved one. Other fundraising ideas suggested on the site are to send e-mails to family and friends, create a personal Web page or make an individual donation.

Relay for Life will be held April 30 at South Creek, located in Milledgeville on Hwy. 441 South. The amount of money raised increases every day. According to [www.relayforlife.org/baldwinga](http://www.relayforlife.org/baldwinga), as of this past Monday, Baldwin County teams had raised \$17,545.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

**Max Noah singers set romantic tone**  
The Max Noah Singers performed their annual Valentine's Day Rendezvous this past Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. The concert is an annual event that helps the singers earn donations to cover tour expenses. The group performed songs such as The Beatles' song "All You Need is Love."

## Vampire Weekend continues legacy, sound with new album, 'Contra'

BY OLIVIA DOWD  
REVIEWER

With the release of its self-titled debut in 2008, Vampire Weekend proved that it had something unique and worthy to bring to the table. True to its Columbia University education, the band offered clean-shaven lyrics full of breezy intelligence and sweaters, in addition to the traditional African music that influenced it. The result was semi-hits such as "A-Punk" and "Oxford Comma." With the January release of "Contra," its sophomore album, Vampire Weekend revealed that not only is it not giving up its curious sound, but that it's perfecting it by refusing to hold back.

"Contra" is a bright and clever album with a fitting title and bouncing arrangements. The generally happy music contradicts the emptiness and hopelessness of status, money and suburbia that plague the lyrics. In the album's eclectic opening, "Horchata," we witness the change in a relationship, the slip of appearances as "years start to pass, and hearts start to harden."

A prime example of the album's message is "California English," which is arguably the most entertaining song. Vocalist Ezra Koenig uses delightful synthesizers and lyrics featuring organic toothpaste to reveal truths and hypocrisies in some of today's cultures. For many, lifestyles are merely appearances, and you can only go so far to keep up these facades. This theme — of appearance and its contradiction to reality — is a constant throughout the album.

"Cousins," the album's first single lacks the strong lyrics featured in other tracks; however, this does not make it any less enjoyable. It possesses the plucky catchiness necessary to make it an obvious anthem for the next "Rock Band."

Contra ends with a vaguely heartbreaking orchestral melody about a relationship that ended before it ever began — "I Think Ur a Contra." Full of promises and desires, some of which oppose each other ("You wanted rock 'n' roll, complete control"), one of the lovers is able to cut all ties and leave the narrator confused and distraught with this final moral: "Never pick sides, never choose between two, but I just wanted you ..."

Verdict? A strong album worthy of attention and praise. Unlike Vampire Weekend's debut, this album seems to lack the noticeable weakness of the mundane, as all of its songs battle for attention in their own way.

Recommended Tracks: "Horchata," "California English," and "I Think Ur a Contra."

## Racing toward Relay for Life RSOs, Greek organizations forming teams

BY LAUREN DAVIDSON  
STAFF WRITER

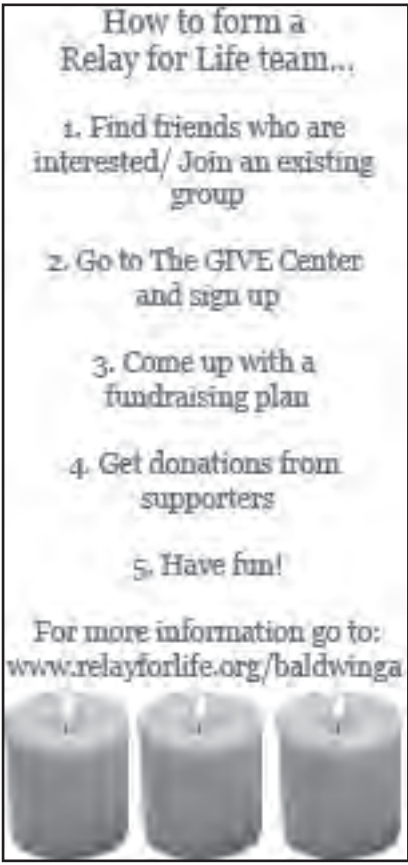
Every year, people around the country come together in their communities to participate in Relay for Life held by the American Cancer Society, an organization working to find a cure for cancer. GCSU and Baldwin County are teaming up April 30 to fight the life threatening illness.

GCSU has 15 registered relay teams for 2010 so far. These teams include Armed Farces, Campus Activities Board, College of Health Sciences, Gamma Beta Phi, Kappa Delta, Middle Grades Education, Phi Mu Sorority, Tri-Beta, The Wesley Foundation, Gamma Sigma Sigma, Survivor Buddies and so on. Many more teams are expected to form before the relay is held.

In Relay for Life each team has come up with its own fundraising ideas. Katie Ruhl, team leader for team Gamma Sigma Sigma, has come up with creative ideas to raise money for the Relay for Life.

"This year we are planning on doing Jr. Miss Relay where boys from GCSU dress up as girls and collect money from students," Ruhl said. "At relay we are going to make our own relay bracelets and cupcakes. We will also be selling flip flops that we have made."

Armed Farces is participating in Relay for Life for the first time this year. Patrick Doran, a senior environmental science major and member of the Armed Farces, said the Relay for Life is a worthy cause and the team wants to



GRAPHIC BY JOANNA SULLIVAN



## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### DO IT ON YOUR OWN TIME

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 11 at approximately 11:34 a.m. officer Jamaal Hicks was dispatched to the library in reference to a person looking at inappropriate material on a computer. Contact was made with a male, who was informed of the computer policy. Further investigations found that the male had made rude comments to the staff at the library. Copies of the Web sites he was viewing were printed and given to Hicks. The male was issued a trespass warning from all GCSU property for two years.



### HIGH TIMES AT GCSU

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 8 at approximately 8:31 p.m. officer Tron Smith was dispatched to Foundation Hall in reference to possible marijuana being smoked in one of the rooms. Contact was made with the resident, who denied smoking anything and stated nothing was in the room. A search of the room was conducted and a pipe containing marijuana was found in the resident's jacket pocket. The other resident entered the room while it was being searched and a plastic container smelling strongly of marijuana was found in a tissue box next to his bed. Another smoking device was found in the bathroom. When asked about the items found, both subjects acted as though they had no idea how the items got in their room and were very uncooperative.

### WEED SEEDS

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 11 at approximately 12:45 p.m. a female reported that she found marijuana seeds on a dresser in a room in Parkhurst Hall while viewing the room with contractors. The residents of the room were contacted and advised to bring their marijuana, paraphernalia and alcohol to Public Safety, which they did. All contraband was disposed of and the marijuana was placed into evidence. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

### BAD GUEST

According to a Public Safety report, Feb. 5 at approximately 7:51 p.m. a student reported that antidepressant medication was stolen from her room at The Village. She advised that her roommate had several people over the night before and the next day she found her medication missing. The resident spoke with one of the people at the party who admitted to stealing the pills. She also pointed out a hole punched in the wall of the hallway of Building 400 that the alleged thief had punched when he was fighting someone else. The case has been turned over to investigators.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Feb. 19 - Thursday, Feb. 25

### Friday, Feb. 19

4 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. Millersville - West Campus  
8 p.m. Homecoming 2010: Golden Slipper Murder Mystery - A&S Auditorium

### Saturday, Feb. 20

8:30 a.m. Bobcat Ramble 5K and Fun Run - Wellness Depot  
11 a.m. Homecoming Parade - Hancock Street  
1 p.m. Bobcats Basketball vs. Columbus State (Homecoming) - Centennial Center  
5 p.m. Baseball vs. Millersville - West Campus

### Sunday, Feb. 21

11 a.m. Baseball vs Millersville - West Campus

### Monday, Feb. 22

12:30 p.m. "Leadership that Makes a Difference" - Bobcat Banquet Room

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

1 p.m. Tennis vs. Armstrong Atlantic - Centennial Center  
2 p.m. Softball vs. Georgia Southwestern - West Campus

### Wednesday, Feb. 24

3:30 p.m. Basketball vs. Montevallo - Centennial Center (Senior Day)  
8 p.m. "Rent" - Russell Auditorium

### Thursday, Feb. 25

8 p.m. "Rent" - Russell Auditorium

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# Weather wreaks havoc on baseball weekend

BY COURTNEY KELLY  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU baseball team played in Lander's Valentine's Day Classic this past weekend, but inclement weather in the area caused several postponements and eventually cancellations of two of the three scheduled games for the Bobcats. The canceled games were against Barry and Lander, but Georgia College did compete against No. 21 Lincoln Memorial University this past Sunday and lost 8-3, despite a strong effort in the latter innings.

Senior starting pitcher Ryan Tabor allowed six runs in the first one and 2/3 innings. Junior righty Eric Pettepher came in to relieve Tabor, striking out three and allowing just two runs in the six innings he pitched.

"Eric threw the ball well. That was promising because we haven't had too many good outings yet, so that was good to see. It was good to see him come in and contribute, coming out of the bullpen when he's been used to being a starter," head coach Tom Carty said.

Even though relieving is new for Pettepher, he has learned to adjust to it.

"This is my first year coming out the bullpen, so I've had to change it up a little bit," Pettepher said. "I had to get warm quicker, and sort of just relax more. And just come in, let my stuff work like it usually does."

The Bobcats' senior infielder Matt Pitts scored the team's first run in the sixth inning on a throwing error by Lincoln Memorial's shortstop.

The Bobcats scored once again when junior infielder Jason Veyna got the team's second run after a wild pitch in the seventh inning.

In the ninth inning, the Bobcats got their third and final run. Senior infielder Steve Muoio was brought in by junior outfielder Shawn Ward, the only player on the team who had an RBI.

Redshirt senior pitcher Clete Jessup closed the game, striking out the only batter he faced for the final out. The late-inning scoring from the Bobcats was not enough to catch up to Lincoln Memorial, however. The final score favored Lincoln Memorial, 8-3.

The Bobcats are playing a four-game series against Millersville University at home this weekend. Ward, who got the only RBI against Lincoln Memorial, thinks that if the Bobcats relax more during this weekend's series, wins will be within their reach.

"I know people started pressing in the mid-innings to later innings, so if we just relax and do what we need to do, I think we'll be alright," Ward said.

As far as the gameplan goes, Carty intends to focus on improving the pitching and rotation.

"We're going to try to get our pitchers situated, try to make some changes with our rotation to see if we could find the right mix, and continue doing what we do," he said. "We think we have a really good team and we're looking forward to getting four games in this weekend."

# Valdosta too much for Bobcats, men bounce back with Erskine victory

BY PONTUS FERNO  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU tennis teams had an up-and-down week which included convincing defeats for both squads against Valdosta State and a dominating win for the men's team against Erskine.

This past Tuesday, the men's squad left the Centennial Center courts in victory after defeating visiting Erskine, in the team's second shutout win (9-0) in their three tournaments this season. Sophomore Jerome Leborgne said that Erskine was a greater challenge than Morehouse in the season-opener, but that they were not nearly as good as Valdosta State.

"All of us won pretty easy, but the real test for us will be the upcoming matches, especially against Armstrong," Leborgne said.

Both the men's and women's teams had a tough time the previous Thursday against Valdosta State at the Centennial Center Tennis Facility. Both the men and women were in action, and both fell to their southern visitor, by 7-2 and 8-1 respectively, in what was each team's second match of the 2010 season.

Having dominated their season-opener against Morehouse, the No. 11 men's team started off with losses in all three doubles against older and more experienced opponents. These defeats were followed by four losses and two wins in singles.

"They were tall, served well, and had great volleys. Sometimes that is simply enough," freshman Johan Wadstein said after losing an intense 6-3, 7-6 singles match, which was the Swede's second match ever as a Bobcat.

On the adjacent court, sophomore Jerome Leborgne fell hard in a 6-0, 6-2 match at first singles, while seniors Max Beliankou and Giovane Nucci both pushed their singles matches to three sets before being toppled; Beliankou by 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and Nucci in a 6-3, 1-6, 10-7 battle.

The two GCSU wins came from two freshmen, in the fourth and sixth singles. In the fourth, freshman Leo Bernardes won a close 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 battle to remain undefeated as a Bobcat. Watching the match from the sidelines, freshman Victor Andersson said that Valdosta was just as good as expected. Nevertheless, Andersson later managed to defeat his opponent by 7-6, 6-2, in the day's final single. Like Bernardes, Andersson is unbeaten this season.

The GCSU women shared the men's harsh experiences, dropping to the Valdosta women's team by 8-1. The sole win for GCSU came in an 8-6 doubles match featuring the French duo of senior Diane Dana and junior Bertille Lion.

"Valdosta is always really good. We knew what we were going into," head coach Steve Barsby said.

"We wanted to see where we were," he said, adding that he in spite of the defeats was pleased with the overall performance.

"(I'm) pretty happy. We are young and Valdosta is an older team. We look at this year as a growing year," he said, before emphasizing the fact that last year's team might be difficult to live up to this year. Regarding the performance of the freshmen, Barsby said they were working hard and doing well.

"They are young. They will probably end up winning some matches they should not have won, as well as losing some they should have won."

Thursday's matches against Lees-McRae were canceled due to inclement weather. The Bobcats will face Limestone tomorrow at 1 p.m.



CLAIRE DYKES / SENIOR REPORTER  
Freshman Jerome Leborgne stretches for a forehand shot against Valdosta State in a singles match Feb. 11.



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Senior Diane Dana smashes a forehand shot against Valdosta State in her singles match Feb. 11.

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# Intramural Notebook

by Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

## Defaults and forfeits

Quitters never win. But if you don't call in beforehand, you'll lose, too.

An abnormally large number of defaults and forfeits have occurred during the past two Sundays in intramural basketball, due to the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day respectively. Intramural program assistant Chris Russell said there were nearly eight defaults on the two nights combined. Fortunately for most of those teams, they called in ahead of time.

Teams that no-show without calling at least an hour prior to game time incur a \$25 forfeit fee, which must be payed before any team members play their next game.

"The biggest thing is that intramurals is overstaffed when nobody shows up, so we're wasting time being here when we could be doing homework or getting ready for the the next day," supervisor Joey Nipper said.

Because each basketball game has a three-man referee crew, plus a scorekeeper and supervisor, that's five hours that must be paid.


"Fortunately, we don't even average a forfeit a night; it's extremely rare," Nipper said.

The forfeit fee isn't the only penalty teams can face for failing to follow rules. If a player is ejected, he/she must pay a \$10 reinstatement fee before playing again. In addition, any team that registers late forks over an additional \$10.

"The fees are more to keep teams honest than anything else," Nipper said. "We'd rather have the teams show up, play a clean game, and pay nothing extra."

The "extra" Nipper referred to was the \$30 teams already pay just to play; two years ago, intramurals were free. However, state budget cuts hit the intramural department hard, forcing something to be done to make up for lost funding.

Depending on the sport, that could equate to as low as \$3 per person (for a minimum 10 on a softball team) or as high



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## Standings update:

### Teams that will make your life miserable

- Orange Crush (Women's A)
- Oreos/Pike (Men's A)
- Da Blockbustas (Co-ed A)
- She Gotta Dunk/No Poochey Outey (Co-ed B)
- KC Shuffle/Yum Yum Sauce/Final Boss/Detroit Tigers
- Goblins/Cawks/1017 Brick Squad/Charging Mastodons (Men's B)
- Bricklayers/My Couch Pulls Out (Men's C)
- The Bouncers/Sharkbait (Women's B)

## Softball registration

Did you miss out on a dodgeball or basketball team? Then be sure you get your chance to take to the brand new fields at West Campus for softball season. Softball registration is now open. Head to [www.imleagues.com](http://www.imleagues.com) to sign up.

Layout by Rebecca Burns

# Women's hoops' win streak ends at Southwestern

BY CHANDLER LEE  
STAFF REPORTER

Senior center Antoinette Reames is an art major at GCSU.

During her short, yet successful two-year stint at GCSU, Reames has used her drawing and painting skills to create a mural just outside the Bobcat locker rooms.

The piece signifies the success of Georgia College basketball, commemorating different players, coaches, and personnel, both past and present.

The painting, however, is missing Reames herself.

And with the way Reames has carried the Bobcats (17-7 overall, 10-4 PBC West) over the past week and a half, perhaps adding Reames into the work of art could prove worthwhile.

Over the last three games, Reames is averaging a double-double every time out, including a triple-double performance against conference rival Augusta State during the recent three-game stretch. Her efforts earned her Peach Belt Conference player of the week honors.

"The team decided that we had to work harder," Reames said. "Everyone has made it a point to make every situation in practice game-like."

Reames' successful efforts have stemmed from beyond the court, however.

Recently, Reames lost a "father figure" in Deon Rainey, a personal trainer who helped Reames develop her basketball skills when she was in her adolescent years.

"After the Clayton State game, I told myself that I owed it to (Rainey) to finish out the season strong," Reames said. "He taught me everything I know about the game to this point."

This past Wednesday, the Bobcats ran into a well balanced Georgia Southwestern team, falling 73-61.

Junior guard Chimere Jordan led all scorers with 25 points, 20 coming in the second half.

The Bobcats lack of energy was evident in the contest. The Bobcats allowed the Hurricanes to shoot 46.7 percent overall in the first half of play, highlighted by the 5-of-10 performance behind the arc.

With the game close at 11-8 favoring the Hurricanes in the first half, a Bobcat turnover opened the flood gates for Georgia Southwestern. The Hurricanes went on a 14-0 run from the 12:56 mark to the 7:42 point.

GCSU trailed at the half 37-19.

"We did not bring effort and desire in the first period," head coach John Carrick said.

When second period play opened, Jordan took matters in her own hands. Jordan's strong second half helped the Bobcats slowly chip away at the Hurricane lead. Georgia College was able to pull within six at the 1:12 mark.

"There was a big contrast in the first half and the sec-



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior center Antoinette Reames forces her way in for a basket against USC Aiken during the Bobcats' 57-54 victory this past Saturday.

ond half," Carrick said. "We played with more competitiveness and energy."

The intensity and energy returned too late, though, as the Hurricanes would score the final six points of the game, closing out with the win.

This past Saturday, the Bobcats defeated PBC rival USC Aiken 57-54.

The Bobcats were able to shoot above 40 percent from the field for the first time in five games en route to claim the victory.

At the end of the first period, the Bobcats led 33-26. GCSU never gave up the lead in the first half.

The Pacers battled back in the second stanza, going on a 13-5 run to momentarily regain the lead from GCSU at the 12:32 mark.

The Bobcats responded around the play of Reames down the final 10 minutes, as the senior corralled key rebounds and converted numerous layups down the stretch.

With the game close at 54-53 with 1:18 remaining, Pacer forward Hannah DeGraffinreed missed a layup attempt. Reames lassoed the rebound, and heaved an outlet pass upcourt to senior point guard Shandrea Moore. Moore then relayed a pass to junior guard Chimere Jordan who nailed a long 3-pointer with 52 seconds to play.

Taking a four-point lead down to the final seconds of the game, the Bobcats evaded trouble when Aiken senior forward Catherine Cain's last second three at the buzzer clanged off the rim, bouncing high off the back-iron, and hitting the wooden floor to end the game.

After the game, Reames was pumping her fist in excitement.

"We have made sure that we are more prepared," Reames said. "The team has brought more energy of late."

Jordan led all scorers with 19 points, while Reames recorded her second straight double-digit scoring and rebounding performance with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Bobcats have also leaned on junior guard Dominique Huffin. Over the last six games, Huffin is averaging just under 10 points per game at 9.6.

"We have played a lot better lately," Huffin said. "We have more focus and have come together as a team. The team has committed to each other in finishing the goals we set earlier this year."

On Feb. 11, the Bobcats defeated Augusta State, 56-52, in the first overtime game of the year played by GCSU. Huffin paced the squad with 15 points, while Jordan added 13. Reames recorded a rare triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 blocks. Seven of the 10 rejections by Reames came in the first half.

The Bobcats now have three games remaining before the conference tournament begins in March.

Carrick knows the next three games ahead are crucial for conference seeding purposes. The Bobcats are currently tied for first with western division foe Clayton State.

The Bobcats return home on Saturday for their Homecoming contest against Columbus State at 1:30 p.m. GCSU ends the home portion of its schedule Wednesday, taking on the Falcons of Montevallo at 5:30 p.m. on Senior Day. GCSU hits the road for the final regular season game at North Georgia on Feb. 27 for a 2 p.m. tip-off.

"We have to stay focused on winning these next games," Reames said. "We must stay dedicated to the team and to each other."

## Softball

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Burnett tossed a three-hit shut-out in the opening 2-0 victory over Queens. She struck out six batters in the effort. The Bobcats broke a scoreless tie in the bottom half of the fifth inning.

Freshman catcher Kali Carswell led off with a single. Later in the inning, sophomore pitcher/outfielder Sabrina Chandler brought in junior pinch runner Kati Pickowitz on an RBI double to make the score 1-0.

The Bobcats added an insurance run in the sixth. With one out, Burnett walked, and Potts followed with a double, advancing Burnett to third. An RBI fielder's choice by Carswell brought in Burnett to make it 2-0.

GCSU had more success in the

second game of the Queens doubleheader. After falling behind 1-0 through half an inning, the Bobcats struck for three runs in the bottom of the first. A two-out single by Burnett plated Martin to tie the game. A hit batsmen and a fielder's choice gave the Bobcats two more runs and a 3-1 advantage. GCSU extended its lead to 5-2 in the fourth on a two-run triple by senior infielder Kayla Smith. The Bobcats pushed their final run across in the sixth on another RBI single by Burnett to make it 6-2.

Freshman Kristi Rodriguez went the distance on the mound for the Bobcats, picking up her first collegiate win.

"It feels really good and exciting. I thought we did really well," Rodriguez said. "I think we've got some exciting things ahead looking towards the rest of the season, especially as much as we've already

grown."

Rodriguez and Burnett are just two of what is a predominately young team with only a couple of seniors in the starting lineup.

"It is a new young team, but they're hardworking and dedicated," head coach Ginger Chaffinch said. "We did a better job today with runners in scoring position, and our pitching has been pretty solid."

"We just need to make a few adjustments and execute better," Chaffinch added. "We have some defensive miscues we need to cut down on."

GCSU (4-2) returns to action with six games this weekend at the Charger Chillout, hosted by the University of Alabama at Huntsville. The Bobcats are at home Tuesday to kick off Peach Belt Conference play, hosting Georgia Southwestern for a doubleheader. First pitch is set for 2 p.m.

## Men's hoops

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When the second half began, the Pacers stepped up their game and quickly seized the lead. When 14:19 remained, a 3-pointer made by USC Aiken gave them their first lead over 10 points.

Even though the Bobcats were playing aggressively, they were unable to take back the lead. When the end of the game was approaching, GCSU came close to catching up several times near the end of the game, they only were behind by a few points. However, the Bobcats could not manage to take control and

the game ended in a 69-65 defeat.

"It's our concentration, it has nothing to do with our skill factor or us making shots," senior guard Graham Martin said. "It just our effort we're putting forth and staying concentrated the whole game, staying focused on winning the game and not letting up."

The Bobcats are at home this Saturday as they face Columbus State in the Homecoming game at 3:30 p.m.

"This time of year, it's not one component to work on, it's everything," head coach Terry Sellers said. "We've just got to work on both ends of the court, more executions on offense and better stops on defense."



# Golf wins Matlock to reach No. 1

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU golf team claimed its second team title of the 2009-10 season and took over the No. 1 NCAA Division II ranking after opening its spring schedule with a victory at the Matlock Collegiate Classic at Florida Southern on Feb. 15-16.

The match consisted of three rounds; one on Monday and two on Tuesday, and was held at the par-72, 7,065-yard Lone Palm Golf Club course. The Bobcats finished the three rounds with a score of 863, which was good enough to defeat the Florida Southern hosts by one stroke. Of the five Bobcats that competed, four finished in the Top 10 overall.

Junior Joe Young claimed the individual title by shooting a 71 on Monday, and following that effort with a 67 and 72 in his Tuesday rounds for a 210 total.

"Finishing first overall is a great feeling that I can't really describe," Young said.

"Personally though, I think the individual win wouldn't have been the same without the team winning also."

Coming in seventh was junior Billy Shida, who shot 73 on Monday and a 74, as well as a 70, on Tuesday to earn a two-over par score of 218.

"I feel that we have learned the taste of victory," Shida said. "It brought us to a No. 1 ranking nationally, but more importantly it helped us to get a small taste of what a victory in May during nationals is going to be like."

Finishing third for GCSU and ninth overall was senior Francisco Bide, with a score of 76 for the first round and a pair of 71s for rounds two and three, resulting in a 218 overall.

Nipping at his heels was senior Niclas Johansson, who finished one spot behind Bide and rounded out the top-10 finishers by coming in 10th. Johansson improved with each round he played by starting off with a 76 for the first round, carding a 72 for the second round and a 71 for the final round, for an

overall 219.

Bringing up the rear for GCSU was freshman Taylor Smith, who also lowered his strokes with each round. Smith finished Monday's round with a 79, then shot a 75 on Tuesday's first round, and finished the third round with a 74. That improvement throughout the match resulted in Smith finishing 43rd overall with a total score of 228.

The Bobcats were ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II this past Wednesday in the Golf-Stat National Head-to-Head Rankings, a system which uses a mathematical method to rank teams, as opposed to voter input.

GCSU is on the road March 1 to Catawba College in North Carolina to play in Richard Rendleman Invitational.

"There is not one thing in general that we need to improve on, we just need to practice in general and work on the players' game individually," head coach Jimmy Wilson said. "It's just a matter of shaking off the rust and hoping for better weather."

## THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

A death will leave a black eye on these Winter Olympics, no matter how well the games play out for Vancouver. When Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili sailed over the wall at the finish line of the Whistler Mountain luge track and collided with a steel girder at about 88 miles per hour, there was suddenly a tragedy to cope with just hours before the glory of the opening ceremony.

Why did this happen? The obvious response is the lack of safety on the track, but had anything like this happened before? No. No one could have predicted a luger coming completely out of the course, especially near the finish line, where he should have been traveling in a straight line and started braking to stop.

The combination of an inexperienced luger and a track that was described as "scary fast" and "insane" resulted in the unfortunate passing of a young man following his Olympic dreams.

Unfortunately, in the pursuit of perfection, some athletes either take unnecessary risks or are put into situations they are unprepared for. In Kumaritashvili's case, both likely occurred. There is no way to know what was going through his head as he approached the final turn. I believe that as one of the least-experienced riders, he knew he had to take some chances to cut his time down. He just picked the wrong turn on the wrong track to take that chance.

The debate over the video of the crash being shown on the news is a hot one in the media, and with good reason. If it had been an accident with more detachment from the victim, I wouldn't have an issue with it. However, the video clearly shows a helpless Kumaritashvili smashing into a steel pole at almost 90 miles per hour, and then an image of a paramedic administering CPR to his bloodied and crumpled body. That is nothing the national prime-time television audience needs to see, much less anything his family and friends could stumble across accidentally.

For the sake of getting a breaking news story, I can understand the decision to a point. But I cannot condone the way our national media handled the situation.

Either way, what I can hope for as a sports fan and a sports journalist is a fantastic Olympics, a USA victory in the final medal count, and increased attention to details like safety in large-scale events like these winter games.

# Bobcats steal one on road to end 2-game slide

BY SAM HUNT  
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team came out of its two-game losing slump this past Wednesday when it defeated Georgia Southwestern, 61-60.

Both teams came into the game playing aggressively, but it was the Hurricanes who took control. Southwestern was able to maintain its lead over the Bobcats and the first half ended with the Hurricanes leading.

Once the second half began, the Bobcats continued to trail Southwestern for the majority of the half. As the end of the game was approaching, GCSU turned the game around.

With just 21 seconds remaining and the Bobcats trailing 60-59, senior guard Graham Martin picked off a Southwestern pass and GCSU ran the clock down to five seconds before junior forward Josh Hurst was fouled.

Hurst sank both of his shots from the free-throw line and pulled GCSU ahead by one with the score of 61-60, giving the Bobcats the lead for the first time. With just seconds remaining in the game, the Hurricanes tried to take back the lead but were unable to do so and the Bobcats defeated Georgia Southwestern 61-60.

The Bobcats' 12-game winning streak was brought to an end this past Thursday when they were defeated at Augusta State, 84-67.

When the first half started, the Jaguars wasted no time in pulling ahead of the Bobcats. With 12:58 remaining, Augusta State made a 3-pointer that secured its first lead over 10 points, 18-6.

As the first half progressed the

Jaguars began to increase the lead. When 1:55 remained in the half, a layup from Augusta State gave them their first 20-point lead, leaving the GCSU trailing 39-19. The Jaguars managed to keep their lead at 20 points when the first half ended with the Bobcats behind 44-24.

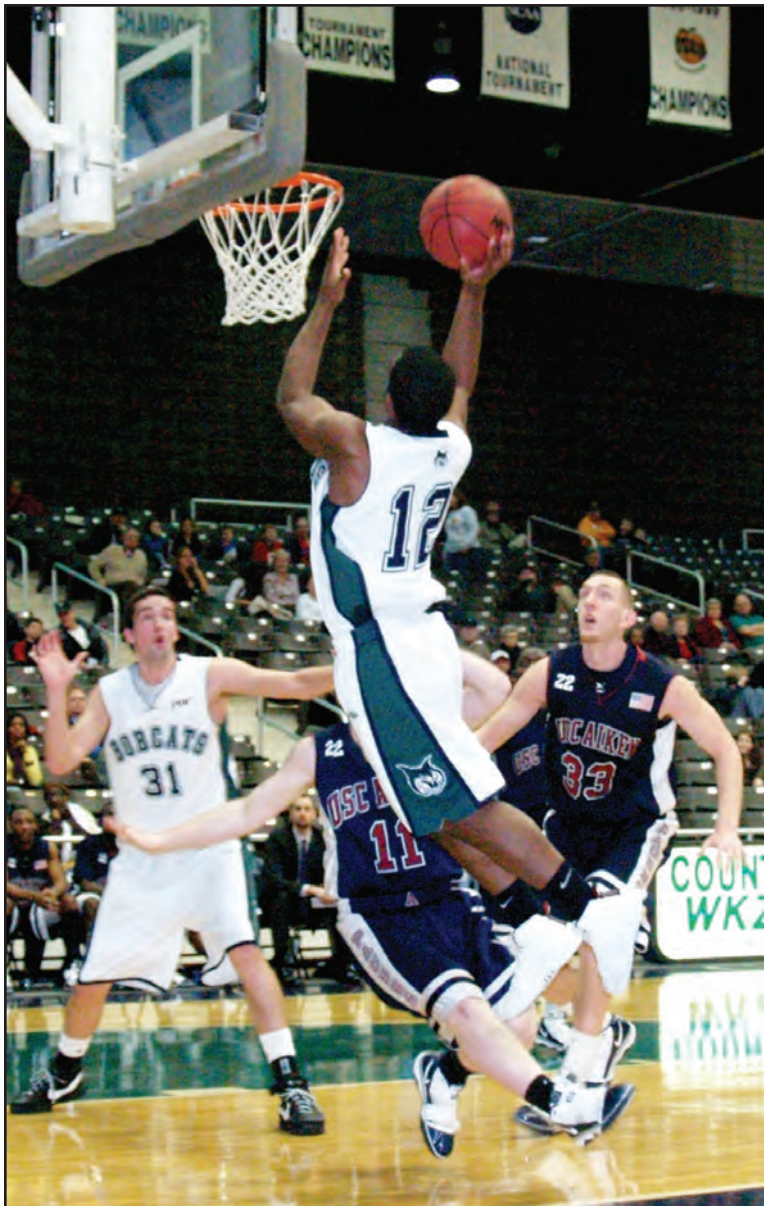
When the second half started, Augusta State remained in control. Even so, the Bobcats did not quit. When 10:28 remained, GCSU was able to bring the point gap down to nine points when junior forward Trent Fildes made two shots from the charity line that put the score at 54-45.

Even though the Bobcats were able to decrease the point gap, they were unable to take control of the game and were defeated with the final score of 84-67.

"It was a bad first half, the second half wasn't bad, we played pretty well in the second half," senior guard Ty Rowland said. "We made our run to try to get back in the game but the first half we just didn't come ready to play."

GCSU suffered its first home game loss of the season on Saturday when the Bobcats were defeated by USC Aiken 69-65.

At the start of the game, both teams played aggressively and appeared evenly matched. Throughout the half, the lead constantly went back and forth between the two and during the entire first half; neither team earned a lead greater than five points. When 1:19 remained, senior forward Robert Thomas made a layup to give GCSU the lead of 32-28 to end the first half.



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior point guard Andre Mikell skies for an acrobatic basket against USC Aiken this past Saturday. The Bobcats were stunned at home for their second straight loss, and first at home, this season.

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# Softball splits West Georgia series, improves to 4-2

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU softball team picked up three more victories this past week, sweeping a doubleheader against Queens (N.C.) on Feb. 11 and then splitting a doubleheader against West Georgia on Feb. 17, with all action coming at home.

Most recently, in the West Georgia doubleheader, the Bobcats rallied in the opener for a 5-4 victory. GCSU raced out to an early 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the first. Sophomore pitcher Haley Burnett came through with a two-run single, plating freshman catcher/infielder Kelsea Martin and senior center fielder Allison Schwimer to make it 2-0.

The Wolves tied the game in the fourth with a pair of unearned runs, snapping Burnett's 17-inning shutout streak on the mound. West Georgia gained a 4-2 lead with two more runs in the top of the sixth.

The Bobcats responded, however, in the bottom half of the inning. Burnett led off with a walk,

and sophomore catcher Anna Parker followed with a sacrifice bunt. Then junior outfielders teamed up, as Belourse Jean-Francais walked and Lauren Potts laced a three-run homer over the left field fence, just past the outstretched glove of the Wolves' leftfielder to give GCSU the 5-4 lead. Burnett picked up her third straight win on the mound, throwing another complete game.

A pair of big innings from the Wolves plagued the Bobcats in the second game. The Bobcats jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first thanks to a two-run single from Burnett and a two-run homer by Parker. West Georgia responded with five runs in the second to take a 6-4 lead. The Bobcats cut the lead in half in the third on an RBI single by Parker and later tied the game in the fourth on an RBI single by Martin to make it 6-6. The Wolves got four more runs in the fifth, however, to extend their lead to 10-6 and hung on for an 11-8 victory.

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Junior outfielder Lauren Potts greets her teammates at home plate after her pinch-hit, three-run homer in the sixth inning against West Georgia this past Wednesday. The homer gave the Bobcats a 5-4 victory in Game 1 of a doubleheader split.

## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

#### Basketball (W, M):

Feb. 20 1:30, 3:30 p.m. Columbus State

Feb. 24 5:30, 7:30 p.m. Montevallo

#### Baseball:

Feb. 19 4 p.m. Millersville

Feb. 20 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Millersville

Feb. 21 11 a.m. Millersville

### Quote of the Week

"RIP Nodar Kumaritashvili. Let's never forget how dangerous these sports can be."

— American skeleton athlete Kyle Tress (ESPN.com).

### Stat of the Week

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Deaths of Athletes in the Winter Olympics, all of which have occurred in training.

Source: nbcolympics.com